

Review

Answer the questions about Listening Part 1.

- 1 You are given time before the recording starts. What can you usefully do with this time? Why is it useful?
- 2 You are given some time between the first and second time you hear the recording. How can you best use that time?

Reading the questions

- 1 Prepare for the exam practice task on page 94 by reading the questions and options. Answer the following questions about them.

Extract One

- 1 What book are the couple going to be discussing?
- 2 Does the first question focus on fact or opinion?
- 3 Whose opinion does the second question focus on?

Extract Two

- 1 What means of transport is the man talking about?
- 2 Was it an easy journey?
- 3 How do the three possible reactions offered in Question 4 differ?

Extract Three

- 1 What are you going to hear the speakers discussing?
- 2 How might the way this topic is discussed differ with each of the three relationships?
- 3 How might each of the options for Question 6 be expressed, given each of the different relationships?

- 2 Look at the options suggested for each of Questions 1 to 6. Do any of them stand out as being more or less likely than the others?

Tip! Reading the questions before you hear the recording will help you follow what the recording is about.

13 Follow the exam instructions, using the advice to help you.

You will hear three different extracts. For questions **1–6**, choose the answer (**A**, **B** or **C**) which fits best according to what you hear. There are two questions for each extract.

Tip! Often the questions in this Part check understanding of chunks of recording rather than of specific details, so listen carefully to get a general understanding of what is said.

Extract One

You overhear a man and a woman discussing a news item about the *Oxford English Dictionary*.

- 1 What announcement has just been made about the dictionary?
 - A Work on a new edition has been stopped.
 - B The electronic version is now selling more than the printed version.
 - C The new edition will possibly not be available as a set of books.
- 2 What is the woman's opinion about what is happening to the dictionary?
 - A It is a regrettable result of less public interest in language.
 - B It is an inevitable and generally positive change.
 - C It reflects a general trend with regard to book purchases.

Advice

1 The question suggests that the announcement in some way relates to a new print and/or electronic edition of the dictionary. Listen carefully for what it says about these two possible versions.

2 As often happens in this type of question, the woman reports someone else's opinion before giving her own, so listen carefully to all she says.

Extract Two

You hear two people discussing a journey.

- 3 What caused the man most problems?
 - A finding somewhere to park
 - B reversing down a narrow street
 - C locating the building he needed
- 4 How does the woman react to the man's description of what happened?
 - A She is cross that he ignored her advice.
 - B She regrets not having been more helpful.
 - C She is impressed by how well he coped.

Advice

3 A question that asks about something like 'most problems' or 'the main problem' is probably going to mention all three of the options as possible problems, but one will be clearly referred to as the main problem.

4 Focus on the gist of the woman's reaction. She probably won't use the specific words 'cross', 'regret' or 'impressed'.

Extract Three

You hear two people discussing a report.

- 5 What is the relationship between the speakers?
 - A lecturer and student
 - B professional and client
 - C manager and employee
- 6 What problem does the woman mention about the work they are discussing?
 - A It is not exactly what is required.
 - B It has been carried out too quickly.
 - C It has not been checked carefully enough.

Advice

5 With a question like 5, the answer is likely to come from a number of different clues throughout the recording, so keep both questions in mind as you listen, rather than waiting to hear the answer for 5 and then listening out for 6.

6 The three options are quite close in meaning so you will need to listen carefully to hear what the woman is actually saying.